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ACTION AF-18

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FM AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8990

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

USCINCRD MACDILL AFB FL RCJ3/RCJ4

USCINCAFRED LANGLEY AFB VA DOCCL

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GER

DYESS AFB TEX TX/LG/LGMCM/LGX/DO

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARAS. 1. & 3.)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR NG

SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE -- GON PROTEST

REF: NIAMEY 3045

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM MFA REGARDING
"INCIDENT" RELATING TO SEPTEMBER 17 OVERFLIGHT
OF C-130 AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION HERKY 91-A. UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN CONFIRMITY WITH THE FLIGHT PLAN SENT TO NIAMEY,
THE AIRCRAFT PLANNED TO FLY FROM NDJAMENA TO BAMAKO
OVERFLYING NIAMEY AT ABOUT 18:10.

CONTROL TOWER RESPONSIBILITIES HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED
FROM KANO TO NIAMEY AT 16:50.

THE CONTROL TOWER HAVING HAD NEITHER VHF OR HF CONTACT
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WITH THE AIRCRAFT HAD TO INITIATE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES WHICH

RESULTED IN NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PLANE'S POSITION.

IT WAS ONLY THE NEXT MORNING AT 6:50 THAT THE TOWER LEARNED THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD LANDED AT BAMAKO.

AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WISH TO REMIND THE EMBASSY THAT THE PILOT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THE DANGER IN WHICH OTHER PLANES WERE PLACED AS A RESULT OF HIS PRESENCE IN NIGERIEN AIRSPACE AND OF THE UNCERTAINTY IN WHICH HE HAD PLACED THE TOWER. UNQUOTE.

ABOVE "INCIDENT" WAS ALSO SUBJECT OF SEVERAL URGENT PHONE CALLS AROUND MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 17 FROM CONTROL TOWER TO EMBASSY WHICH WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH AIRCRAFT WHEREABOUTS. IN ADDITION, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER RECALLING PREVIOUS PROTEST REFTEL, RAISED MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR, EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN THAT AMERICAN C-130 AIRCRAFT WERE NOT OBSERVING NIGERIEN REGULATIONS.

2. REQUEST INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED INCIDENT SO THAT WE MAY REPLY APPROPRIATELY TO GON.

3. AS REPORTED EARLIER, WE ARE DRAWING HEAVILY ON OUR CREDIT AND GOODWILL WITH GON IN DEALING WITH THESE FLIGHTS AND URGE THAT ALL AIRCRAFT VISITING OR OVERFLYING NIGER CAREFULLY OBSERVE GON REGULATIONS. THE SMALLER THE COUNTRY, THE MORE SENSITIVE IT IS ABOUT THESE MATTERS. HECK

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